

I'm dismayed to learn of the NAB's attempts to limit MY rights to listen to the broadcast medium of MY choosing. If I choose to listen to traffic and weather information over satellite radio, I believe that is a choice I should make, not the NAB.

NAB's attempt to restrict content broadcast over satellite radio is an admission that broadcast radio does not know how to compete in today's marketplace. Our entire system of free enterprise is based on COMPETITION, not PROTECTIONISM. I respectfully submit that petition 04-160 stifles competition and does nothing to enhance the public interest.

This issue is no different than broadcast and cable television's attempt to prevent Satellite TV from offering local channels. If Satellite TV can offer local channels, INCLUDING LOCAL WEATHER AND TRAFFIC, then why should satellite radio be treated differently? The only difference in the broadcast medium is that one offers images and the other does not.

I urge the FCC to reject NAB Petition 04-160. IF I WISH TO OBTAIN LOCAL TRAFFIC AND WEATHER INFORMATION THROUGH SATELLITE RADIO, THEN THAT IS MY CHOICE AS THE CONSUMER, NOT THE NAB'S.